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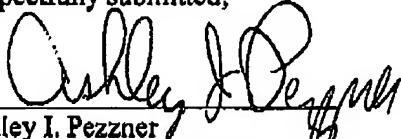
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The reference cited in the IPER was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicant. The International Bureau of WIPO has deemed that claims 1-4 have novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00234-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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